

## SENATE....No. 156.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN SENATE, April 24, 1855.

The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of James Small, of Truro, in relation to "the preservation of Cape Cod Harbor," have considered the same, and submit the following

#### R E P O R T:

That they do not deem it necessary at this time to enter upon a detailed statement of the great value of said harbor to our commercial marine, its dangerous condition, and the imminent necessity for its protection and preservation.

This whole subject has been elaborately discussed in various Legislative Documents in past years. [See Senate Doc., No. 43, 1852; Senate Doc., No. 6, 1853; House Doc., No. 10, 1853; and Senate Doc., No. 5, 1854.]

The Committee are also personally cognizant of the correctness of the statements in the Documents referred to.

They desire to express their earnest conviction of the high importance of securing the beach at the mouth of the channel

of East Harbor, and also the necessity for some structure to protect *the narrow and frail beach in the town of Truro, lying between the ocean and the tide water of East Harbor.* [See Senate Doc., No. 6, 1853; and House Doc., No. 10, 1853.]

In view of all the facts in the case, the Legislature in 1854 passed a Resolution, asking from Congress "an appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of preventing the destruction of Cape Cod Harbor." The appropriation has never been voted.

Your Committee, being fully impressed with the justice of the request, and the urgent necessity for some immediate measures for the preservation of this valuable harbor, recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolve.

L. L. SELLEW,  
J. H. LUCAS,

*Senate.*

E. GOULD,  
E. A. YOUNG,  
WM. C. BUNKER,  
EDWARD MILLIKEN,  
JOHN S. WEBBER,

*House.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five.

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### R E S O L V E

In relation to the Preservation of "Cape Cod Harbor."

*Resolved*, That the Senators of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and the Representatives be requested, to use their earnest endeavors to procure the appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars for the protection and preservation of Cape Cod Harbor.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the Governor be, and is hereby, requested to transmit to each of the Senators and Representatives of this Commonwealth a copy of the foregoing Resolve, together with the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate said subject.

